

**City of Hyattsville
Race & Equity Task Force
September 28, 2021, 7:00 PM
Zoom
Minutes**

Present

Task Force Members:

- Secretary and Acting Chair Malcolm Clarke
- Rodrigo Blanco
- LaToya Robinson
- Jennifer Gafford (pending council meeting)
- Councilmember-elect Joanne Waszczak

Council:

- Councilmember Robert Croslin
- Councilmember Rommel Sandino

Staff:

- Staff Liaison Jan Guszynski

Guests:

- David Marshall
- Allison Swift
- Brian Banks
- Daniel Vallejos-Avila
- Jennifer Kubit

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM by Secretary Clarke

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Roll Call

Acknowledgement of Meeting Guests

Review and Approval of Minutes

- RB moves to approve, LR seconds
 - Motion seconds

Administrative Announcements

- Call for Nominations for Chair
 - Rodrigo moved to nominate Malcolm
 - Two votes
 - LaToya moved to nominate herself
 - One vote
- Mural Project Update
 - Building owners do not want to move forward with mural because of development plans. Original artist has no issue with existing design being removed
 - Will be making plans to disassemble mural and take it down

- Will not use the structure because of issue with owners. Will instead plan to do freestanding artistic representations of artists that committee provided input on
 - Rather than an installation on the wall, it is proposed that we do a sculpture garden, so we don't need to seek permission from other building owners
 - Freestanding figures may be relocated and used in other areas, depending on what we do with those sculptures
- Next step is to do site survey and assess what can and cannot occur on that parcel of land
- City admin Douglas needs to provide update to city council

2. Transportation Section Equity Plan – Joanne

Not ready due to Jo's election to city council

3. Open Discussion/Community Comments

Brian Banks – Working on motion for civilian oversight panel of police department. Is undergoing staff review and will be on the agenda of a future city council meeting. Would be good to have members of the task force support as members of the public

Allison Swift – No comment

Marshall – No comment

Daniel Vallejos-Avila – understanding was that he would be asked questions as a prospective committee meeting

- Will speak with Laura Reams after the meeting

4. Adjourn Meeting

JW moved to adjourn, RB second